Requirement of Imported Edible Oil for PDS by Madhya Pradesh

3673. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh had indicated any requirement of imported edible oil for the PDS for the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the requisite demand was met by Central Government and full quota was released to the State;

(d) if not, the actual allocation and the reasons for less allocation to the State; and

(e) whether Government propose to release the full quota of edible oil for PDS, as demanded by Government of Madhya Pradesh for the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No. demand for imported edible oil for the PDS was received from Government of Madhya Pradesh during 1996-97.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Government of Madhya Pradesh has indicated 'Nil' requirement of imported edible oil for the PDS during 1997-98.

Non-Availability of Information Relating to Requirement, Production and Consumption of Edible Oils

3674. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether authenic information about the State-wise requirement, production and consumption of edible oils is not available with Government as the same is not maintained centrally;

(b) if so, the reasons threfore;

(c) how Government allocate the quota of edible oils to the States without having authentic information;

(d) whether this has resulted in discrimination between the States; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Information about State-wise requirement, production and consumption of edible oils is not available with this Ministry. The production of edible oils is computed on the basis of oilseeds production data projected by the Agriculture Ministry. It is not possible to calculate the State-wise production of edible oils accurately in view of considerable movement of oilseeds from one State to another. Similarly, no mechanism exists to determine the requirement and consumption of edible oils separately for each State/UT.

(c) to (e) Govt. allocates imported palmolein to States/UTs for the PDS on the basis of several criteria like total import for Central Pool, demand received from the States, inter-se requirement of States/UTs, past offtake etc. Supply of imported edible oil through the PDS is on supplemental basis and meant to augment open market availability during the lean season–major festivals only.

Allocation of wheat and kerosene to Karnataka

3675. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation of wheat and kerosene to Karnataka during the last three years and the extent off-take thereof year-wise; and

(b) the demand of the State Government of these two items for current year and how much is likely to be met by Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The allocation of wheat and kerosene to Karnataka during the last three years and the extent of offtake thereof yearwise is as follows:—

(in '000 MT)

	WHEAT		KEROSENE	
	Alln.	Lifting	Alln.	Lifting
1994-95	360	262.40	452.70	458.24
1995-96	360	219.50	465.24	486.40
1996-97	356	286.72	503.15	458.98 (Upto Feb., 97)

(b) It may be observed from the above statement that lifting of wheat is much less than the allocation. With effect from June, 1997, the allocation of foodgrains will be made on the basis of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) scheme. The quota of Kerosene for Karnataka for the year 1997-98 has increased by 2.9% over the last year. During 1997-98 the annual quota of kerosene for Karnataka is 5,13,054 MTs. The per capita availability of kerosene in the State is 11.41 kgs. which is equal to average per capita availability in the country.

Quota of rice, wheat, sugar and kerosene for states of North-Eastern Region

3676. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of quota of rice, wheat, sugar, kerosene allocated to each State of North-Eastern Region;

(b) whether the quota is calculated on the basis of poverty line or requirement of the State;

(c) whether the State Governments of the North-Eastern Region have any reservation on the proposed PDS scheme meant for the people living below the poverty line; and

(d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The quantum of quota of rice, wheat, sugar, kerosene allocated to North Eastern States is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Allocation of foodgrains for PDS from Central Pool is made on a month to month basis after taking into account the availability of stock in the Central Pool, *inter-se* demand of States/UTs, market availability of commodities, seasonal factors, past off-take against allocations made etc. However, starting from the month of June, 1997 quota of rice and wheat will be allocated on the basis of calculation made under the Targeted Public Distribution System to all States including North-Eastern region. The allocation of levy sugar is made on a uniform norm of 425 gms. per capita as per 1991 population, while allocation of kerosene is made on the basis of past demand, off-take trend and relative need, with an attempt being made to bring those States where the per capita availability of kerosene is less than the national average, to the national average level.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.